

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 JOHANN 00706 111553Z

41

ACTION INT-05

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ISO-00 EB-07 SSO-00 /021 W

----- 063334

O 111245Z MAY 76

FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4698

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

/AMEMBASSY NAIROBI 189

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

UNCLAS JOHANNESBURG 0706

BUMINES FOR SHEKARCHI

E.O. 11652: N/A

EMIN, BTRA, OCON, OTRA, XJ, SF

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BUREAU OF MINES OFFICIAL

REF: STATE 111980 (NOTAL)

1. AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG WELCOMES DR. EBRAHAM SHEKARCHI'S
UPCOMING VISIT TO THIS AREA. AS A CAUTIONARY NOTE, HOWEVER,
EFFECTIVE WORK DAYS WILL BE MINIMAL IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICA
REGION IF SHEKARCHI HOLDS TO CURRENTLY-PROPOSED TRAVEL ITINERARY.
THURSDAY MAY 27, ASCENSION DAY, WILL BE PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN
BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND AND SOUTH AFRICA. MONDAY MAY 31
WILL BE PUBLIC OLIDAY IN BOTSWANA (PRESIDENTS DAY) AND SOUTH AFRICA
(REPUBLIC DAY). WHILE MOST BUSINESS OFFICES AND MINES
WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPEN ON FRIDAY MAY 28, CURRENT
REPORTS INDICATE THAT MANY GOVERNMENT AND RANKING
COMPANY OFFICIALS PLAN 5-DAY (LONG WEEKEND) VACATION
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 JOHANN 00706 111553Z

DURING MAY 27-31. BETTER USE OF TIME WOULD THUS BE

POSSIBLE IF SOUTHERN AFRICA PORTION OF TRIP AT LEAST, COULD BE DELAYED (SAY) ONE WEEK. ALTERNATIVELY (USING ITINERARY GIVEN IN REFTEL), WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM:

2. MAY 27 (THURSDAY -- PUBLIC HOLIDAY): ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. FLY TO KIMBERLEY, CAPE PROVINCE. OVDNRNIGHT IN KIMBERLEY.

.MAY 28 (FRIDAY): ALL-DAY VISIT TO DE BEERS' BULTFONTEIN UNDERGROUND DIAMOND MINE, PLANT, SORTING OPERATIONS AND MUSEUM (INCLUDING BIG HOLE). OVERNIGHT IN KIMBERLEY.

MAY 29 (SATURDAY) RETURN (BY AIR) TO JOHANNESBURG. IN-TOWN BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS IF TIME AND OPPORTUNITIES PERMIT. OVERNIGHT IN JOHANNESBURG.

MAY 30 (SUNDAY): REST AND SIGHTSEEING IN JOHANNESBURG AREA.

MAY 31 (MONDAY -- PUBLIC HOLIDAY): TRAVEL BY ROAD TO BABORONE, BOTSWANA. OVERNIGHT IN GABORONE.

JUNE 1 (TUESDAY): ALL-DAY VISIT TO EITHER ANGLO AMERICAN / AMAX SELEBI-PIKWE COPPER MINE AND PLANT OR TO ANGLO AMERICAN'S ORAPA OPEN PIT DIAMOND MINE. TRAVEL TO EITHER LOCATION BY AIR -- CHARTERED AIRCRAFT OR ANGLO AMERICAN COMPANY AIRCRAFT IF AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE. OVERNIGHT IN GABORONE.

JUNE 2 (WEDNESDAY): RETURN BY ROAD TO JOHANNESBURG (THROUGH BUSHVELD IGNEOUS COMPLEX) WITH MINE-VISIT STOPS IN RUSTENBURG AREA (CHROME AND PLATINUM). OVERNIGHT IN JOHANNESBURG

JUNE 3(THURSDAY): ALL-DAY GOLD/URANIUM MINE AND PLANT VISIT IN JOHANNESBURG AREA (E.G. EITHER EAST OR WEST DRIENFONTEIN MINES OF GOLD FIELDS OF SOUTH AFRICA UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 JOHANN 00706 111553Z

LTD). OVERNIHT IN JOHANNESBURG.

JUNE 4(FRIDAY):. IN TOWN BUSINESS CALLS IF TIME PERMITS. DEPART FOR LUSAKA (OR KINSHASA.

3. SHEKARCHI'S TRAVEL ITINERAR (REFTEL DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE DESIRED ETA LUSAKA (OR KINSHASA), OR ANTICIPATE LENGTH OF STAY AT EITHER POST. WE ASSUMED JOHANNESBURG

DEPARTURE, ABOVE (O/A JUNE 4), ONLY TO GIVE AS MUCH TIME
AS POSSIBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND TO CONCURRENTLY
PROVIDE 1-2 WORKING DAYS EACH IN ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA
(HERE, AGAIN, A WEEKEND INTERFERES). PLEASE REVIEW
OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVISE FIRM PREFERENCES VIA
IMMEDIATE REPEAT IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM TO PERMIT MINE
VISIT AND BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULING HERE AND ELSEWHERE.
INCLUDE AMEMBASSY GABORONE AS ACTIN POST AND
AMEMBASSIES MBABANE AND MASERU FOR INFO COPEIS OF ALL
FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THIS VISIT. MINERALS
OFFICER SWEETWOOD WILL MEET AND ACCOMPANY SHEKARCHI
ON ALL VISITS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BOTSWANA, AND WILL
ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS, MEETINGS, INTERNAL TRAVEL,
ETC., WHEN CONFIRMED DATES ARE KNOWN.
JOHNSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 MAY 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976JOHANN00706
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760181-0685
From: JOHANNESBURG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760569/aaaacgqo.tel
Line Count: 130
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION INT
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 111980
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ullricre
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <22 JUN 2004 by wolfsd>; APPROVED <09 SEP 2004 by ullricre>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRAVEL OF BUREAU OF MINES OFFICIAL
TAGS: EMIN, BTRA, OCON, OTRA, XJ, SF, (SHEKARCHI, EBRAHAM)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006